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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
PHILIPPE FRANCOIS :
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
(Based on PCT/FR00/02656)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: DELIVERY VALVE DEVICE FOR
REFRIGERANT COMPRESSOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 12-22 as follows:

- Sub B7
12. (New) A delivery valve device for a refrigerant compressor comprising:
a valve plate pierced with at least one fluid delivery passage;
at least one delivery valve closing said at least one fluid delivery passage on a downstream side in a direction of delivery of the fluid, and secured, at one of its ends, to the valve plate by first fixing means; and
at least one delivery valve stop;